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SUBJECT: CPSC Home Electrical System Fires Project

DATE: May 16-18, 1994

PLACE: San Francisco and
Oakland, CA

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: June 3, 1994

SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: William H. King, Jr., ES *W.H.K.*

CPSC PARTICIPANTS: William H. King, Jr., ES
Lee Baxter, FOWR (May 17, Oakland)
Laurel Spinazze, FOWR (May 18,
San Francisco)

NON-CPSC PARTICIPANTS:

John Hanlon, City of Oakland (May 17)
Steven Young, City and County of San Francisco
(May 18)
Mario Ballard, San Francisco Fire Dept. (May 18)
Dale Deming, American Electric (May 17-18)
W. Creighton Schwan, Consultant (May 17)
Richard Gewain, Hughes Associates (May 17)
Members of the Electrical Section, NFPA (May 17-18)

SUMMARY:

Mr. King discussed the Home Electrical System Fires Project with the assembly of members of the Electrical Section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) that gathered in San Francisco at the Moscone Center for the NFPA Annual Meeting. He provided an overview of the project and an update on recent developments. Members of the electrical section that were involved in one-on-one discussions included Mr. Gewain, Mr. Deming.

Mr. King discussed the project with Mr. John Hanlon, the Housing Rehabilitation Supervisor, City of Oakland, CA. Mr. Hanlon offered the possibility that the new maintenance code, NFPA 73, could be folded into existing housing codes. He further explained the structure of the city government regarding housing responsibilities. In addition, Mr. Hanlon explained the home repair program of Alameda County which, for this purpose, incorporates the City of Oakland. It includes grant funds, no interest, and low interest financing for electrical and other home repairs.

Mr. King discussed the project with Mario Ballard, Inspector, Bureau of Fire Prevention, City of San Francisco Fire Department. Mr. Ballard suggested that consideration of new rules for inspecting existing residences be done at the state level. He indicated a willingness to support the need for periodic inspection of residences for serious electrical wiring hazards.

Mr. King discussed the project with Steven Young, Chief Electrical Inspector, City and County of San Francisco, CA. He indicated that the State of California has adopted the 1993 NEC as the state code, and that all NFPA fire codes are considered for adoption at the state level.